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TO: Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals

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SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)
Update, October 2007

We have several updates for the month. All revisions posted with this publication are effective 11/1/2007.

Date Format Change

Please note we have initiated a revision in the format of the AMPM. We are relocating the policy revision dates from the bottom of each page to the beginning of each policy. We believe this will allow readers to better identify when a policy has been modified. We will implement the new revision to date formats as we review policy. Therefore, we will have more than one format until we have completed our review of the manual. For the October update, we revised the format of Chapter 500. We believe our revised format will enhance your use of the AMPM.

Chapter 500

We have performed a complete review of Chapter 500, Care Coordination Requirements. Non-substantive changes were made to improve clarity and readability of the text. Also, please note we have modified the date format of this entire Chapter as discussed above.

Individuals with questions related to this Chapter should contact Michelle Gonzales at 602-417-4076.

Appendix B

Appendix B contains the AHCCCS EPSDT Tracking Forms. A work group including Contractors and Providers was formed to review and make recommendations related to modification of the EPSDT forms. Revisions that were suggested and implemented in the current version include new immunization/laboratory requirements, updated screening requirements, and updated anticipatory/screening cues for physicians. In addition to these substantive modifications, the layout of the forms has been revised to provide a larger area for written documentation.

Individuals with questions related to Appendix B should contact Connie Williams at 602-417-4301.

Appendix G

Please note we have modified the description of Behavioral Health Therapeutic Home Care on page 17 of Appendix G. The revised description more accurately explains the services that are provided.

Individuals with questions related to modifications to Appendix G should contact Kristin Frounfelker at 602-417-4214.

TO UPDATE YOUR AMPM:

Chapter 500

Replace entire Chapter with the revised Chapter 500.

Appendix B

Replace entire Appendix with the revised Appendix B.

Appendix G

Replace pages 17 through 18 with the revised pages 17 through 18.

Replace pages 39 through 42 with the revised pages 39 through 42.

Replace Transmittal History (at end of Appendix G) with the revised Transmittal History.